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REPORT
of the
M E D I C A L O F F I C E R
O F H E A L T H
for the
Year Ended 31st December, 1962.

No. 6 Health Area,
"Springfield"
WILLINGTON,
Crook,
Co. Durham.

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Medical Officer of Health.

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Public Health Inspector.

To the Chairman and Members

of Tow Law U.D.C.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1962 concerning the health of your area.

It will be noted from the report that the birth rate is higher than and the death rate lower than the corresponding rates for England and Wales and that there have been no infantile deaths reported during the year. These figures are satisfactory but, statistically, owing to the smallness of the population, they are not significant. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system were responsible for 19 out of 26 of the deaths recorded - a reflection of the national trend in view of the ageing population.

Among the infectious diseases measles was the only one of note and was of a mild type. No cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis were recorded. The 2 new cases of tuberculosis were discovered in an early stage of the disease and their prognosis good. The number of children immunised against diphtheria with or without whooping cough and tetanus vaccine was 243 and the number vaccinated against smallpox was 91.

The Child Welfare Clinic continues to be well patronised a fact which is very satisfactory.

From time to time during the year inspections were carried out of housing problems.

On the whole the health of your area has been satisfactory.

A separate report from your Public Health Inspector is incorporated in this report.

In conclusion I wish to record my thanks to the Council and the staff for their welcome co-operation during 1962.

G. A. MACGREGOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid Year)	...	...	2,930
Area (In Acres)	...	...	477
Number of Inhabited Houses (Mid 1962)	...	...	957
Rateable Value (Mid 1962)...	...	...	£17,888
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	£63

Vital Statistics

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u> *
Legitimate	52	21	31
Illegitimate	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	56	23	33
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Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	19.11
General Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	18.0

Still Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	1	—
Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	1	1	—
	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 (live and still)...	...	...	19.45

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	26	14	12
	—	—	—

Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	8.87
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.9

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis	..	..	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	..	..	Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	—	—	—
	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Legitimate	-	-	-	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
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	-	-	-	
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Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births ...	-			
Infantile Mortality Rate (England and Wales) ...	...	...	...	21.4
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births - Legitimate ...	...			-
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births - Illegitimate ...	...			-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ...	...	...	...	-
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ...	...	...	...	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) ...	...	...	...	17.56
Deaths from Cancer ...	...	...	...	3
Deaths from Measles ...	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea ...	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	...	...	...	-

Table of Birth and Death Rates for the past 6 years

Year	Death Rate	Infantile Death Rate Under 1 year	Birth Rate
1957	12.81	17.24	18.6
1958	13.22	21.73	14.82
1959	11.03	-	12.01
1960	13.02	19.23	16.93
1961	15.69	63.82	16.04
1962	8.87	-	19.11

CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	1	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast... ..	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	-	-
14. Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	-	1
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
16. Diabetes... ..	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	2
18. Coronary Disease, angina	2	3
19. Hypertension with heart disease...	-	-
20. Other heart diseases... ..	2	4
21. Other circulatory diseases ...	2	1
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Bronchitis	1	-
24. Pneumonia	-	1
25. Other disease of respiratory system	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
29. Hyperplasia and prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion...	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-
33. Motor accidents	-	-
34. All other accidents	1	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-
	14	12



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	51	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Tuberculosis	2	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	1

The following table shows the number of cases notified and deaths recorded from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever during the past 6 years.

YEAR	DIPHTHERIA		SCARLET FEVER	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1957	-	-	2	-
1958	-	-	5	-
1959	-	-	10	-
1960	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	3	-
1962	-	-	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR
RECENT YEARS

YEAR	New Cases						Deaths					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1957	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1960	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1962

1. VISITS

The following is a summary of the visits undertaken by me during the year in pursuit of my official duties:-

(1)	Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts) ...	...	...	193 visits
(2)	W.C. Conversions and Defective Sanitary Conveniences ...	...	...	112 "
(3)	Drainage ...	...	...	35 "
(4)	Water Supply ...	...	...	4 "
(5)	Food Premises and Slaughterhouses ... (including visits made when inspecting meat)	...	...	130 "
(6)	Factories and Workplaces ...	...	...	20 "
(7)	Keeping of Animals ...	...	...	1 visit
(8)	Nuisances - Smoke, Dust, Smells etc. ...	...	...	40 visits
(9)	Dairies ...	...	...	1 visit

2. NUISANCES

The following table shows the principal nuisances dealt with during the year by means of notices. Other nuisances were remedied by informal action:-

	No. of Informal <u>Notices Served</u>	No. of Statutory <u>Notices Served</u>	Defects Remedied <u>after Notices</u>
Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	6	1	6

3. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

During the year 32 inspections of dwelling houses, shops and other buildings were made. Disinfestation treatments were carried out where necessary.

4. SLAUGHTERHOUSES

130 visits were made to slaughterhouses and other food premises during the year, principally in connection with the inspection of meat. The quality of the carcasses presented for inspection and the general hygiene of the slaughterhouse premises continued to be satisfactory.

5. W.C. CONVERSIONS

During the year 12 conversions from ash closets to the water carriage system took place. There are now 718 water closets and 312 ash closets in the district.

6. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

During the year 20 inspections of factories were made.

7. FOOD ETC. CONDEMNED

During the year 9 st. 6 lbs. of meat and 4 st. 9 lbs. 3 ozs. of loose provisions were condemned as unfit for human consumption and were disposed of either by being burnt by the owners concerned or by being buried at the Council's tip.

8. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955-56

Inspections under the above-mentioned Regulations have been made and informal action has sufficed to deal with whatever contraventions have been discovered.

9. FOOD PREMISES

The following premises in the area are concerned with the manufacture and/or retailing of food:-

1 Bakehouse
4 Butchers
24 Grocers, Greengrocers and Confectioners
16 Premises are registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream

No further premises were registered during the year for the retail of ice cream.

10. HOUSING

Housing inspections dealing with repairs, improvement and Rent Act queries figured prominently in the number of visits made by your Officers.

The number of applications approved since the inception of the Standard Grant Scheme in 1959 numbered 45 at the end of 1962.

11. MEAT INSPECTION

The following table gives details of the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	Cattle <u>Excluding Cows</u>	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number of Carcasses inspected	73	2	-	260	8
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	11	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	15.07	-	-	0.38	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

No carcasses were found to be affected with Cysticerci.

In conclusion I would thank the Members and Staff of the Council for their support and assistance during the year.

J. B. KELLY

Public Health Inspector.

